



## Exempt Action Proposed Regulation Agency Background Document

<b>Agency name</b>	Virginia Racing Commission
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<b>Regulation title</b>	Horses
<b>Action title</b>	To amend chapter 100
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### Summary

*Please provide a brief summary of all regulatory changes, including the rationale behind such changes. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.*

This section states that a Thoroughbred horse must have a lip tattoo for identification purposes in order to start in a race. The amended language allows for the use of a microchip implanted in a Thoroughbred horse's neck to be used instead of a lip tattoo for identification purposes. This is being done to accommodate horses from Europe and other countries where microchips are now being used for the identification of racehorses.

### Family impact

*Assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability.*

The amendment to this section will not have an impact on the institution of the family or family stability.

